

Dear Connecticut State Lawmakers,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed legislation (S.B. 457, S.B. 738, S.B. 874) which would impose mandatory school regionalization in New Canaan and other school districts in Connecticut. We have been residents of New Canaan for over six years and have three young children. The outstanding public school system in New Canaan was one of our primary reasons for moving from New York to Connecticut. We value the importance of having local control of our school system in New Canaan and think that the “one-sized-fits-all” approach being proposed by this legislation will negatively impact the education of our children and future generations of children in Connecticut.

The proposed legislation does not provide any commentary on how it will impact the quality of the education our children receive. In fact, it appears that the only motivation is to advance efficiency. We ask that you allow existing school districts and community leaders to determine how to achieve the desired efficiencies while balancing the effectiveness of the educational experience for our children.

The current Connecticut educational system is one that has resulted in world-class educational outcomes for our children and the other children of the state of Connecticut for decades – simply said, it is not broken. A legislation that would require forced regionalization of school districts is the wrong path for our children, our communities and our state.

Sincerely,

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